

REMARKS

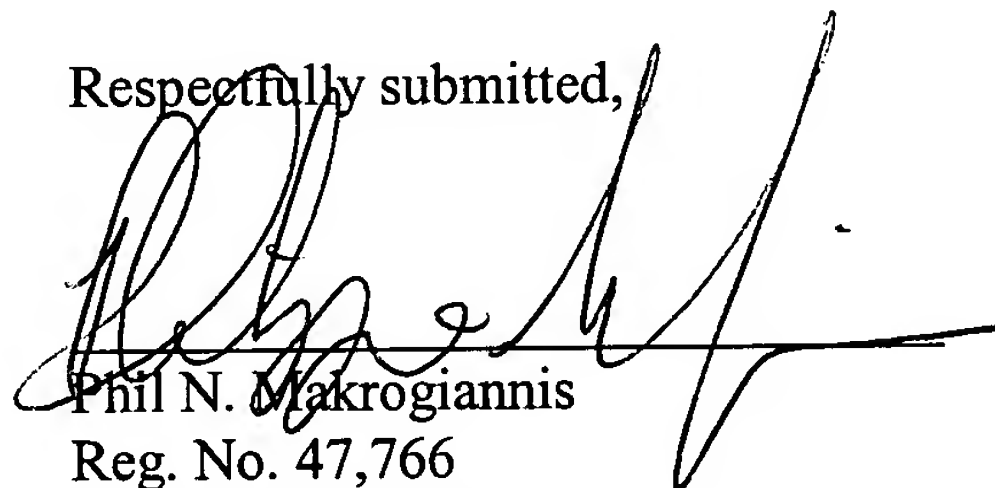
Claims 22-29 are currently pending. Applicants have amended claims 22-29 to correct typographical errors that gave rise to Examiner's s.112 rejections. Applicants have also included a terminal disclaimer for the present application with respect to U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,916,426 and 6,355,709 to overcome Examiner's double patenting rejections. Reconsideration of the claims as amended is requested.

Fee Authorization

Should any extension of time and/or fee be necessary for timely submission of this paper, such extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **Deposit Account No. 01-2213 (Order No. 4221)**. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account.

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